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THE SECULAR LEAGUE At the regular energing of the Social League, on Sunday, and 3 o'clock p. m. Typographic Hall, opposite Feinson Office, an address will be reflected by Evangelist Caddy. Subject, Soverament Chaplains betrimental to Laristanity. As chaplain to the Aristanite legislature, Rev. Mr. Cuddy refused to take his salary. He is of the Orthodox path, and insists that the cherymen of Washington ought to volunteer gratultous service for morning prayers in Congress.

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Twelfth Annual Meeting of Ameri-

can Historical Association, Baltimore, Md., Dec. 5.-The twelfth mal meeting of the American Historical ation will take place at Columbia Previous meetings have been held

me inaugural address will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs, of Brooklyn will be given at the Windsor Hotel

Welnesday, December 30, which will

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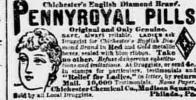
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The Commissioners issued orders yesterday for the laying of water mains in
various sections of the city, all of six-inch

diameter, as follows: In north side of Virginia avenue, between First and Second streets southwest, 450 feet of six-inch main. In Seventh street northeast, between I and K streets, 435 feet.

In Nichols avenue, Anacostia, from end of present six-inch main at intersection of Nichels avenue and Morris street, to a point opposite the south line of lot 1, block 7. Talbert's subdivision of Chichester, 1,290

feet.
In Georgia avenue, between Eighth and
Ninth streets, and in Ninth street, between Georgia avenue and L streets southeast,

462 feet. • In the south side of G street, from end In the south side of a street, from end of four-inch main at the intersection of west building line of Half street east to a point opposite the center of fitteen-foot alley, in square east of square 643, a total of 180 feet.

In Tenth street southeast, between I and K streets, 275 feet. In porth side of Maryland avenue, between feet.
In Warren street, between B and C streets northeast, 568 feet.

How It Acts. What do you taink when a widower eighty years old marries again?"
"I think it is dreadfully demoralizing for us young kids of sixty."—Chicago Record.

#### DRISCOLL IS CHAMPION. Davidson Defeated in the Final

Tennis Singles.

The frequently postponed match between Messrs. Davidson and Driscoll for the District tenns championship on singles was played off yesterday afternoon at the courts of the Bachelors' Club

of the Bachelors' Club.

Mr. Davidson was completely outplayed by the clever young Californian, who won the first two sets by scores of 6 - 0 in each. The third set was taken by Mr. Davidson 7-5, but the fourth went to Driscoll by the score of 6-2, thus giving him the District championship and also the right to defend the championship cup next year. In Justice to Mr. Davidson it must be said that he nawed the maten under the most that he played the maten under the most unfavorable circumstances. He had not entirely recovered from the injury to his right arm received at the time of the October tournament, and it was stiff enough to cause him considerable trouble. Of course this injury also prevented his getting much practice which was another disadvantage. It was clearly apparent to those familiar with his play, that his game was not nearly up to his usual standard. The courts were in a miserable condition as a result of alternate freezing and thawing, and satisfactory playing was an impossibility.

The most brilliant work of the match occurred in the first game of the third set, and some of the fine shots carnel the en-thusiastic applicates of the spectators. Dris-coll's placing was very fine and his volley-ing at times was extremely brilliant. His play has greatly improved since last year, and it is very likely that he will be able to defend the championship title successfully against all comers next year

#### C. A. C. NINE-PINS. Harrington Led by a Good Margin

on Steady Bowling.

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MISSED DONNELLY.

Captain Donovan Failed to Get Him

to Play With Pirates. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 5.—Captain-Manager Donovan, of the Pitisburg National League Baseball team, who has been in

this city for several days trying to secure the signature of James B. Donnelly to a contract to play with the "Pirates" next season, has returned home without singing Donnelly,

Manager Donovan, however, has secured

the refusal of "Tommy" Leahy, who has played behind the but several years for the Springfield team in the Eastern League.

BAD LUCK IN HATS.

Streak of Misfortune That Follows a Clubman.

"Did you ever have a streak of bad luck strike you in hats," said a club man as he have and I don't believe I am through the spell yet. At any rate I wouldn't feel sure of picking up my own hat if I laid it down and put a brick in it. "It all began early in the fall when I went into a barber shop and hung up my hat.

Half an hour had passed by the time I was ready to leave and then I found that some one had taken my hat. I told the barber about it and he offered to buy me a new one but I bought it myself. "About two weeks after that I stepped

into a restaurant. It had been raining early in the day and I had been wearing an old hat. In the evening I took it off and put on the new one I had recently purchased. When I I finished my dinner some I ody had gone outwith my headgear and left a worse at in its place.
"I was tired of buying hats and decided

o try my luck on the election. I won and he bought me a very nice silk tile.

"For three weeks I wore it on unusual occasions. I went to an afternoon function at the end of that time and because I had seen requested to do so by the host I stayed until all the other guests had gone. There was but one hat on the rack when I made my

"It was a silk tile all right, and a nice one, but when I went to put it on I found that it came down over my ears until my head touched the crown. The hat I lost

"My wife is always complaining with me now because I wear such disreputable hats but I think my hat bill I salready big enough

Was Eighty-nine Years Old. Hiram L. Amiss, father of Lieut. Amiss, of the First precinct, celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday at his home in this city on Friday. There were present over twenty children, grandchildren, and great grand-children. Mr. Amiss was born at Old-town, Va., just above Winchester, and distinctly remembers the war of 1812. He still enjoys the best of health, and says he

Big Crowd Saw Bike Races at Madison Square Garden.

MANY LADIES WERE PRESENT

Introduction to the Big International Race Beginning in the Morning Foreign Professionals Did Not Make the Best Showing-Spills Were Many.

New York, Dec. 5.—About 5,000 enthusiastic spectators, of whom a large portion vers of the fair sex, witnessed the amateur and professional bicycle races which were held in Madison Square Garden tonight. The meeting was in the nature of an introduction to the big six-day international race, which starts at five minutes after midnight tomorrow night. Some of the foreign riders made their debut tonight,

but were unsuccessful. sam Limon of Wales and J. D. Lumsden of Sco land, started in the mile heat of the scratch professional, but failed to qualify in the first or second place. The heat was won by J. Eaton of Elizabeth, N. J. However, Sam Linion burt himself in practice in the afternoon. The Englishnen made some complaints about the banking, and spills were frequent during

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the evening.

The special features of the evening were a match race between Jay Eaton of Elizabeth and Teddy Goodman, best two out of three heats, and an exhibition mile by E.C. Bald, paced by the "Black and White" tandem of Syracuse. Bald fell at the first turn but remounted and went on a couple of laps, but stopped. Later on he gave a half mile exhibition. Summaries.

Half-mile scratch, smateur-Final heat won by A. J. Latham, Saratoga; W. H. Owen, South Brooklyn, second; C. S. Henshaw, New York, third. Time, 1:10:1-5. One mile professional; scratch—Final heat won by A. Weing, Buffalo; C. Hadfield, Newark, N. J., second; T. F. Starbuck, Philadelphia, third. Time, 2:25:1-5. Murphy and Eaton fell. Murphy and Hadfield forfeited ten yards for false start.

Match race, best-two out of three heats, J. Jay Eaton, Elizabeth, N. J., dereated F. F. Goodman, New York. Eaton won first heat by ten lengths in 2:27:2-5 and the second by five lengths in 2:29:4-5.

Half mile handicap, professional. Final heat won by "Major." Taylor, South Brooklyn, 35 yards, & C. Meixwell, Philadelphia, 30 yards, second; E. C. Bald, Buffalo, scratch, third. Time, 1:08:1-5. In the second heat Sam Linton, the Weishman, 50 yards, fell. J. D. Lumslen, Scotland, second heat Sam Linton, the Weishman, 50 yards, fell. J. D. Lumsden, Scotland, 20 yards, started in the three heat but was unplaced.

One mile handicap, amateur. Final heat won by C. S. Heishaw, New York, 20 yards; W. C. Losee, South Brooklyn, 30 yards, second; W. C. Roone, Newark, scratch, third. Time, 2:22:2-5. Man Collapsed.

#### INFANTRY WON HANDILY.

Defeated the Corcoran Cadets in a

Game of Basketball. The lengue game of basketball played in the Infantry Armory last night by the home team and Corostan Cadets was inhome team and Corostan Cadets was interesting, though one sided, the score
standing 11 to 1 in favor of the Infantry.

In the first insing there were several
strong scrimmages in which some feeling
was shown by both sides, but the remaining two innings were well played, clean
basketball, with plenty of free passing.
The ball for the most part was in the
Cadets' field, and their only weakness
was in the lack of défensire play when
their goal was in danger. Aside from this
they played a good game, as did also their
well trained opponents.

The work of E. Raab as umpite and John
Heydler as referre was satisfactory to both

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Heydler as referee was satisfactory to toth teams. In the large number of spectators present there were many ladies, who like their escorts, showed enthusiastic appactation of all good plays. Four free throws were allowed, from neither of which a goal resulted. All the goals were made from pretty field throws.

Following is the line up and score:

W. L. I. C. A. C.

McCabe. e.g. Davis. e.g.

Lee. r.f. Dodge r.f.

Shreeve. l.f. Schroeder l.f.

Hough. e. Clark e.

E. Schafhirt r. b. Roland, Godey r.f. b.

Irwin, McQ'de l. b. Collins l. b.

Waters h.g. Boulay b.g.

McCathran r. c. Walters r.c.

Burnett l. c. O'Connell l. c.

Score W. L. I., 11, C. A. C. 1. Goals—

For W. L. I., McCabe 4, Lee 2, Burnett 3,

Shreeve, Hough, for C. A. C. Schroeder

Shreeve, Hough: for C. A. C., Schreeder Umpire - E. Rast, E. A. C. Referee-John Heydler, W. L. I. Timer-L. P. Smith Time of game-Three 15-minute innings, Standing of the teams to date:

Games W. L.played Easter Athletic Club .......3 

AFTER CORBETT'S SIGNATURE. Dan Stuart on His Way to Arrange

a Fight With Fitz. Dalias, Tex., Dec. 5.—Dan. A. Stuart will arrive in St. Louis tomorrow morn-ing, on the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas flyer. He is still in feetle health, and may rest over Sunday in St. Louis. He is en foute to New York, to attempt to secure Corbett's signature for a finish fight with Pitzsimmons. He sent articles of agreement to his secretary, W. K. Wheelock, in New York, several days

ago.
If at St. Louis he hears that the agree ment has been signed by Corbett, he will probably not go further Eastward, but will proceed direct to San Francisco, to meet Julian and Fitzsimmons.

WILL HAVE A REST. Yale's Crew Coach Lets Up Until

After Christmas. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 5.—Bob. Cook. Yale's crew coach, left here today. He has been in town two days giving the Yale crew their final training of the fall. Yale eight ever before was called out for practice till late in the winter, but Mr. Cook determined that the changes in stroke, rigging, boat and plans for next year, made it necessary to get the oars-men into rowing shape before winter. The oarsmen will be given a rest till after the Christmas vacation.

The candidates have been out a month

this fall, and have taken short daily spins, Mr. Cook said today that no special dis-tance had been rowed and that no time Dick Meany Wants to Fight. Dick Meany wants to fight either Jack Daly or Howard Wilson, give or take two

baly or Howard Wilson, give or take two pounds, within thirty days after the sign-ing of articles. He is willing to post \$50 to guarantee presence at the ring side, Meany seconded Jack Duly in his fight with Wilson not long ago. Mr. Jack Cor-coran, 1610 U street, is his backer. Meany will fight for any amount and will go in for a \$500 side bet.

Meadville, Pa., Dec. 5.—Twelve mem-bers, including the manager of the Alle-gheny College football team, were sus-pended by the faculty this morning for allowing a professional player, Wilcox, of Jamestown, N. Y., to play with the team in a recent game at Greenville, Pa. President Crawford charges the management with misappropriating funds of the team.

Football Players Suspended.

Lehigh Eleven Breaks Training. Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 5.—The Lehigh University football team broke training for versity football team broke training for the season this afternoon. They then re-elected F. H. Gunsolus of Tipton, Iowa, class of '98, captalu of the team for next season. Gunsolus has played right 'ackle on the eleven the past two years.

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#### THEIR TIME WAS VERY SLOW

Annual Boat Race of the Harvard 'Varsity Crews.

Oneida Reat the First Trinity by a Length and a Half-One

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 5,—The time race of the two Harvard 'Varsity crews this noon resulted in a victory for Capt. Good-rich's crew, "The Oneida," which beat Perkins' crew, "The First Trinity," by a

length and a quarter. The time was 9 minutes 55 seconds, which is 27 seconds slower than the best time ever previously made over the same course, which was last June by the '99 crew, in 9

minutes and 28 seconds. The race was favored by the best of weather and water conditions and was witnessed by an unusually large number of

Harvard men. The crews were nearly half an hour late in starting, as there was delay in opening the in starting, as there was nearly no pennighted draw. On the launch were Coach Leahman, Gen. Francis Peabody, ex-Coach Munford, and Bob Mook of Yaie. The Oneida crew had the outside course and gotslightly the better start. It at once hit up a stroke of about thirty-six, the other crew reserving. Its attracts a plant thirty-two stroke of about thirty-six, the other crew reserving its strength at about thirty-two strokes aminute. The Onesda crew steadily gained until at the Harvard Bridge they were a length ahead. The Trinity crew attempted to snart after passing the bridge, but failed to close up the gap, and at the finish the Oneida was a length and a half ahead. Timer, 9:55. The Trinity crew was in much the worse tendition. Boardman, the stroke, collapsed atterly.

Both crews rowed in good form throughout the race. The beat used by the Oneida crew is considered slightly faster than

crew is considered slightly faster than the other boat, as it has a shell bottom, and is tweive pounds lighter.

## ELY SWORE.

Cursed the Bluecoats and Was Im-

mediately Arrested. Ely Saunders, colored, and his best girl, stood on the corner of Four-and-a-half and E streets at 6 o'clock last night talking about the shooting of The conversation cost Ely the Shears. The conversation cost and sum of \$5. It happened this way:
Six o'clock is the hour when the police relief goes out and just as Saunders and the best girl were in the deepest depths of their conversation, a squad of blue coats came marching by. Ely raised his forefinger and shook it at the back his foreinger and shown in the eyes of the last officer in the line, the eyes of his best girl were upon him, and he felt the stimulating influence of their charm. Then he made a Macbeth gesture and ex-

ciaimed:

"There go the — — — who shoot us down like birds." The best girl's eyes shone with pride as she looked at Ely's broad shoulders and the quivering finger. But Ely had counted without his host who, in this instance, was Policeman Williams. The patrolman had dropped out of the ranks at that corner and sauntered leisurely up-belind Saunders. As the colored was behind Saunders. As the colored man spoke a hand shot rudely between Lim and his best girl and its fingers settled firmly on his coat collar.

firmly on his coat collar.

Saunders went to the South Washington station and a charge of profanity was entered against his name. The best girl went home without her hero and later his friends came and bailed him out.

EMPIRE STOCK'S CLOSE.

A Double Presented at Their Last
Perfomance.

Last night the Empire Theater Company
changed their bill for the fourth time during the week. There was a pleasant
novelty in the first presentation in this
city of a double bill by this company.

The first play last night was a little
dress comedietta, by Justin Hunt Mc
Carthy. It was written for this gentleman's wife, Cissy Loftus, who is more of a
dancer than an actress. Miss Allen played
this part and executed the gavotte, which
is the main feature of a pretty, but undramatic piece, with much charm and
grace. In the highwayman, Mr. Jameson
Lee Finney was seen in a part of which
he is she American original.

The second and longer play was a
comedy by Brandon Thomas and Henry
Keeling. It is quite as different in every
way from "Chartey's Aunt," Mr. Thomas
other piece, as could be. It is a comedy,
but with no elements of farce and none of
the broad improbabilities that farce begs.
If is more of a character sketch than a
play. The parts are distinguished with
finish in each instance.

Miss Conquest has not played in roles
well suited to her before this week, but
in two parts this week she has made
notable successes. One was her Musette
in "Bohemia," the other her Lady Belton
in "Marriage."

She is very much at home in characters
denoting high vacilating spirits. Mr.
Dodson, however, had the part of the
play, though it was decidedly of his own
making. He makes a humorous, but faithfully true portrait of a lawyer, different
from the accepted stage type. Mr. Gotschaik deserves praise for a short, but excellent piece of work. A Double Presented at Their Last Perfomance.

U. V. L. Elects Officers.

Encampment No. 69, Union Veteran Encampment No. 69, Union Veteran Legion, at its regular meeting last evening elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Colonel, Louis Shutter; lieutenant colonel, E. Thompson; major, N. Tryon; surgeon, J. R. Hays; officer of the day, William E. Keefer: chaplain, H. D. Norton; quartermaster, N. H. Merrill; trustees, Frank Clark, and William R. Peddie.

## Winter Opening of the

# Columbia Bicycle Academy.

Last night the Academy was formally opened for the winter season under the happiest auspices.

The many new and greatly im-

proved arrangements were much admired by hundreds of patrons. During the dull season our machines have all been overhauled and put in first-class condition; the steam-heating plant has been more than doubled in capacity; the hire department has been remodeled and the entire establishment put in first-class order. The

floor-12,000 square feet-is in perfect con-The corps of instructors has been enlarged by the addition of several competent teachers, and especial attention will be paid to

correct form and position in riding. It is on our attention to seemingly small details of instruction that we base our claim that our graduates are recognized on street or road as "perfect" riders.

Ample provision has been made for both ladies and gentlemen in the way of toilet rooms, shower baths and lockers. The ladies' dressing rooms are in charge of a competent maid whose services are at the command of any of our patrons desiring to make any change in apparel, either before or

after riding. The hire department is equipped with the latest pattern Columbia Bicycles. in perfect condition, while the prices are as low as those charged by some other concerns for secondhand, heavy and old pattern machines taken

in trade. The 1897 Model COLUMBIA is on view at the main store.

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MR. DE KOVEN HERE, reator of "Robin Hood" and "Rob Roy" Discusses the Operas.

Creator of "Robin Hood" and "Rob
Roy" Discusses the Operas.

Mr. Reginald Dekoven, the musical
composer, accempanied by his wife, who is
a daughter of Senator Farrell of Illinois,
arrived in the city of Washington yesterday
morning and went at once to the Shoreham.
Mr. DeKoven is known all over the country
as a composer of the comic operas. "Robin
Hood," "The Fencing Master," "Rob
Roy" and "The Mandarin."

Mr. DeKoven was seen a. his rooms at the
Shoreham last evening by a Times reporter. He and his wife were just upon
the point of leaving the hotel for the
Lafayette Opera House, where they had
been tendered a box through the courtesy
of Mr. Albaugh.

"I cannot remember a time when I was
not addicted to music," he said. "As far
back as my recelled on goes I heard music
in every sound that came to me. I do not
regar dit so much as a talent or as an
evidence of geniss upon the part of any
composeras! do theliving out of the destiny
which is born in one. Whatever music I
have composed in the past, or may compose in the future, and whatever success I
may have made, or may still make, are due
entirely to the love of music which I feel
is innate within me and which cannot
possibly be explained in words."

"Will you tell me something about the
compositions of your several operas."

"There is very little that I could say
in addition to what I have already said,
beyond the fact that in composing the
misse for any of the operas that I have
written I have endeavored to follow ont
the line's suggested by the author of the
flower of "Robin Hood" and "Rob Roy," and

possible.
"I think that you will find that this is true of "Robin Hood" and "Rob Roy," and in the former particularly, I have felt a great deal of personal satisfaction in realizing that in many particulars I have accomplished the point which I desired to

accompassed the point which I desired to reach.

"The Mandarin" is an opera of an entirely different character. It cannot, in any way, be compared with the others, because comparison does not exist where conditions are so totally different. The Mandarin" is a Chinese opera and the music which I have written is based upon the diatonic scale and is, therefore, essentially different from any of the ordinary music of the day. I discovered in my study of Chinese music that it all depended upon the diatonic scale and you can, perhaps, understand this term better when I tell you that the Scotch ballads of which we

are all so fond, are of precisely the sar are all so fend, are of precisely the same character.

"I have come to Washington, because I have been requested by personal triends of mine to have what they are pleased to call a DeKoven night, at which time I will lead the orchestra in person. I do not know just what evening that will be, but it will doubtless be announced within a lew days."

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Columbia Bicycle Academy,

DEAD, BUT VALUABLE. Smithsonian Folks Highly Prize a

Queer Stuffed Green Monkey. "Do you see that monkey" said an attendant at the Smithsonian, as he pointed above the door to a little animal with a ate as the last food before he died. "That, sir, is a green African monkey, and there are not half a dozen of them in this country, alive or stuffed. He may be a dead monkey, but he is a very valuable

mean. When he first came to Washington there was as much life in him as in any three ordinary monkeys. He belonged to Mr. William Beron.

"Mr. Beron long years ago had a friend who brought this monkey and some recesshome from the Dark Continent. The monkey never would monkey never would grow tame. The owner used to tie the end of the monkeys chain to a tree. The beast would in-variably run around the tree until he best drawn himself up to it, and more than

once came near choking himself. "Whenever any one would go near him he would fight furiously, and Mr. Beron and all his family were very much afraid of him. One day the pet that refused to be petted jumped at its owner after it had wound their close up to the tree, and Mr. Beron though his days had come to an end. To protect himself he handed off with his walking stick and his the monkey in the head. The blow killed it.

"When one of the older officials of the institute heard of the dead monkey and

how valuable he was, he asked Mr. Beron for him, and there he stands. When you are showing your friends through this place you can point to him as one of the most valuable dead or alive monkeys in the